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Also, riders are still riding unshod horses around the hills, although the S.P.C.A. has appealed to them to stop such cruel treatment.

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## Editorial

### Let's Get Acquainted

Let's get acquainted, not only with each other, but with our organization the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association. At the last Open Forum meeting, it was evident that many members are not familiar with the way our organization is governed, so it seems important that we dedicate this issue of the TRAIL BLAZER to giving you information about the association.

In the following pages you will find the Articles of Association, which tell the purposes for which this organization was founded, a copy of our By-Laws, and a short history of the MHA. We hope you will read every word—cold facts though most of them may be.

It seemed best to include a short history of the organization as well as the By-Laws, for the By-Laws are flexible. They state what should be done, but not necessarily HOW it should be done. Certain practices have developed by precedent that are not actually stated in the laws. I refer in particular to the manner in which your Directors are selected.

At the last Open Forum meeting, there was criticism of the manner in which elections are held, and the suggestion was made that your President, Don Marquis, study the By-Laws with the idea of suggesting changes in them if he deems it necessary. This issue of the TRAIL BLAZER makes it possible for you to study the By-Laws too.

But before we are sidetracked away from the Open Forum—let's take our hats off to our president, Don Marquis, who originated the idea of having Quarterly Open Forum meetings. In our opinion, these meetings will prove a milestone in the development of our organization. They seem to be one of the best possible means of cementing all members into a closer knit organization.

The Open Forums give every member a chance to make suggestions and offer constructive criticism for the improvement of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association. And these meetings are here to stay. Your editor is proud of her part in making a motion, which passed unanimously, making the Quarterly Open Forums a part of our By-Laws.

Blanche Paul, Editor.

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# HISTORY OF THE METROPOLITAN HORSEMEN'S ASS'N

The secretary's minutes state simply that the first meeting of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association was held at the home of Cornelia V. N. Cress on Monday evening, September 12, 1938. But as to whose brainchild the organization was, or how many worked to get the group together, not a word is given. Ralph Coffey was temporary chairman and Miss Cress, temporary secretary. The following officers were elected: Kent Weaver, president; F. B. Fernhoff, vice-president; Miss Cress, secretary; and Ralph Coffey, Treasurer.

Contributions made by members present were accepted to defray the principal costs of the Association. Sixty people were invited to sponsor the organization. The first project considered was Trails. Annual dues were set at one dollar. The first social affair was a Fiesta Barbecue held on April 23, 1939, at Portugee Flat.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee near the end of the first year, it was suggested that President Weaver appoint a Nominating committee to select candidates for the 1940 Executive Committee. Just like that, was established the precedent that has been followed ever since in the selection of the Board of Directors. The By-Laws state that "members of the executive committee shall be elected by the members of the Association at the annual meeting to be held . . . each year".

What actually happens is that the President appoints a Nominating committee and the Nominating Committee selects the slate of Directors for the following year. Additional candidates may be nominated at the annual election, but without exception so far, the Nominating committee's selections have been approved by the members and unanimously elected.

Criticism that the Board of Directors is a clique—not representative of the association as a whole has been overheard. Nothing is further from the truth. The Nominating Committee conscientiously selects candidates from different areas and different groups within our organization. First, the Nominating committee considers the present Directors. Those who have been on but one year and have worked for the organization, are automatically placed on the Board

for a second term. The vacancies created by retiring members are filled from different districts.

Take for instance your present Board of Directors. The retiring President automatically becomes a member of the Board for the year following his term in office, so Frank Colbourn was on this year's Board and Don Marquis will serve again the coming year. Geneva Menicucci was put on to represent the Lari-ettes; Earl Hansen represents the Rancho Bonito area; Chris Hansen represents the Don Evans Stable group and the area on Mountain Boulevard. Another representative from that section is Martin Murray, who stables at the Green Barn. Ted Dreyer and Lucille Simons represents the Rancho San Antonio area and the Shrine Rangers. Elena Lagorio and Mary Gale represent the Cressmount group; and Blanche Paul represents the private stables in the Joaquin Miller area. And so it goes.

But to get back to the history. At the end of the first year, the association boasted a membership of two hundred and fifty-five members. The activities for the first couple of years were limited to a barbecue in the spring and the annual meeting in the fall. In the spring of 1941, the TRAIL BLAZER was born, the idea of R. C. McDonald. Mr. McDonald acted as editor and Bob Siegler as Business Manager. Both boys were in the army a year later, and Elena and Irene Lagorio were asked to put out the magazine.

In 1943, the feasibility of holding a horse show was discussed. George Walling acted as chairman and held a very successful first show for the association at the old Leona Stables. By 1944, the MHA had a total membership just short of eight hundred and activities for the year had been increased to include a breakfast ride, an Overnight ride, Moonlight ride, Horse show, Field Day and Annual banquet.

The MHA joined the California State Horsemen's Association in 1944, another milestone in the development of our organization. The Trail Blazer continued to grow with Elena Lagorio still the mainstay, but with help in both the news and advertisement departments.

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In 1946, Frank Colbourn submitted a plan changing the set-up on the annual Horse shows. He suggested a separate Board of Directors of the Horse Show consisting of twelve members. The Horse Show Board was to be self governing. Two members were appointed for six years, two for five years, two for four years, and so on down. The retiring members were to be replaced by two each year to be appointed by the President of MHA. The plan was approved by the Board.

Those who have served our organization as president in their order of services are: Kent Weaver, F. B. Fernhoff, G. Howard Robinson, Frank Moller, Harold Knudsen, William Barnett, Fred Anderson, Frank Colbourn, and Don Marquis.

This year President Don Marquis originated the idea of Quarterly Open Forum meetings at which all members are given a chance to make suggestions and offer constructive criticism for the improvement of the organization. He also, at the last Board meeting, suggested that, to give the membership more voice in the running of the association, the Nominating committee select sixteen prospective candidates for the Board of Directors for the coming year. These names will be submitted to the entire membership by mail, and the fourteen receiving the highest approval will be selected to be voted on at the annual meeting.

#### Articles of Association of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association

We the undersigned have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of California.

We hereby certify, **first:** The name of said association shall be The Metropolitan Horsemen's Association.

**Second:** The purposes for which said association are to be formed are:

1. To provide an organization for the promotion and advancement of good horsemanship and equestrian sports.
2. To foster and support legislation for the advancement and protection and general welfare of horse owners including the breeding and exhibiting of horses and the interest of all those generally interested in horsemanship.
3. To secure the construction and maintenance of equestrian paths and trails and provide for the protection of the said paths and trails and all persons using the paths.

**Third:** That the place where the principal business of the said association is to be transacted is Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, State of California.

**Fourth:** That the said association shall be governed by an executive committee consisting of eleven in number which number may be enlarged or decreased as provided in the By-Laws. The names and residences of the members of the first executive committee who shall serve for the first year and thereafter until the election and qualifications of their successors, are as follows:

Ralph Coffey  
Cornelia V. N. Cress  
F. B. Fernhoff  
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#### By-Laws of Metropolitan Horseman's Association Article I

This organization shall be known as the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association and is instituted with a view to promote good horsemanship and for the other purposes named in the Articles of Association.

#### Article II Officers

The government of the Association shall be vested in an executive committee consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and 11 other members of the committee to be elected and hold office as hereinafter in these By-Laws provided. The executive committee can be increased or decreased by a vote of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the executive committee.

#### Article III

1. All meetings of the Association shall be regular or special and shall be held in Alameda or Contra Costa County, California, at such place as may be designated by the President or such other place as the majority of the committee may consent to hold the meeting. A regular meeting of the committee of the Association shall be held the first Monday in October of each year at a place designated by the president in writing not less than ten days prior to the holding of said meeting.

2. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the executive committee on their own motion or on call of the president.

3. Special written notice of the time and place for special meetings of the Association shall be given by depositing not less than five days before said meeting, the written notice thereof in the United States mail addressed to each member at his last known place of business or residence. Notices of special meetings shall state the purpose for which the meeting is called.



4. Any five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business that may possibly come before any meeting of the executive committee.

#### Article IV

The members of the executive committee shall be elected by the members of the Association at the annual meeting to be held on the first Monday of October of each year. Immediately following the election of the executive committee, the executive committee shall meet and elect from their own number, the officers of the Association who shall hold office until the ensuing year and until the election and qualification of their successors.

#### Article V

The business activities and property of this association shall be exercised, conducted and controlled by a committee of 11 members each of whom shall be a member of the association in good standing. If any member of the committee ceases to be a member of the association he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the committee. A vacancy in any of the offices or in the membership of the executive committee shall be filled by the executive committee until the next annual election.

#### Article VI

The executive committee shall have power:

To prescribe such rules regulating the affairs and conduct of the association as they may think proper.

To elect and remove at pleasure all officers, agents and employees of the association, prescribe such duties for them as may not be stated by these By-Laws, and fix their compensation.

To fix the amount of dues the members shall pay for the purposes of paying expenses, conducting business, paying debts, or carrying out the purposes of the Association.

The executive committee shall have the power to strike from the membership any member who is delinquent in the payment of indebtedness or for any other cause that may be deemed sufficient in accordance with the By-Laws.

#### Article VII

##### President

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association, and shall preside at all meetings of the members and the executive committee at which he is present. He shall appoint all committees and be ex-officio a member of all standing committees. He shall at all times have general supervision and management of the affairs of the Association subject to the direction of the executive committee. In the absence or disability of the President the Vice-President shall preside at meetings and generally carry out the duties of the President.

#### Article VIII

##### Treasurer

Shall keep all monies of the Association deposited with him and pay out said monies upon check of the corporation and signed by such officers as the executive committee may direct.

#### Article IX

##### Secretary

The secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Executive Committee and of the meetings of the members of the Association.

He shall give or cause to be given either by publication or otherwise, such notice or notices as may be required to be given by law or by these By-Laws. He shall keep a complete record of the names and addresses of the members of this Association, and generally shall perform all such duties as are required of a secretary of this Association under the law and these By-Laws and as may be required by the executive Committee.

#### Article X

##### Fees and Dues

The fees for admission to the Association and dues are as may be fixed from time to time by the executive committee.

#### Article XI

##### Admission to Membership

The executive committee shall have the power to elect to membership in this Association all such applicants for membership as they may deem desirable.

#### Article XII

The amendments to the By-Laws may be made by the Executive Committee at any meeting of the committee by an affirmative vote of 4/5ths of the committee present.

These By-Laws shall take effect immediately.

#### Amendment to By-Laws of Metropolitan Horsemen's Association Voted Upon January 6, 1944

IT has been voted upon and passed that the By-Laws be amended to include a Finance Committee, consisting of three members, whose duties it is to assist the Treasurer, acting as Auditors. The Finance Committee must have the full cooperation of the board members; any and all expenditures must be approved by that Committee. In the case of estimated expenditures, advance approval must be secured.

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## RESULTS OF BLUE RIBBON SHOW

One of the highlights of the C.S.H.A. Convention held in Stockton was the Blue Ribbon Horse Show. The Western Division of the Show was held Friday night, October 17, and the English Division on Saturday night, October 18.

Winners of the Western Division were: Palomino Parade Class won by Golden Flight owned by Mrs. Gerald Grey and Celia Grey; Pinto Class won by Shiek, owned by Mr. C. W. Neill; Children's Horsemanship Class — Group A won by Joey, owned and ridden by Celia Grey and Group B won by Ginger, owned by Nadine Gighiotti. Parade Class won by Amigo, owned and ridden by Mike Desiano; Hackamore under 5 Years won by Ribbon, owned by Jack Byrne; Stake Race won by Dusty, owned by Marilyn Bradshaw; Matched Pairs won by Jackpot and Navajo, owned by H. H. Hamilton and Ed Zwierlein; Junior Stock Horse 16 or under won by Tumble Weed, owned by Don Ford; Western Trail won by Trigger, owned by Dave Scharnow; Musical Chairs, Children under 18 Years, won by My Lady, owned by Margaret Carroll; Stock Horse won by Dick owned by Arthur Beckley.

Winners of the English Division were: Five Gaited Horses won by Maple Sylvia, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson; Children's Horsemanship Class — 12 Years and under, won by Gretna of the Highlands, owned by Robert S. Carey, and 12 and over age group won by Maureen Dooher riding Sky Crown; Hackney Ponies, won by Hawthorn Challenger, owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Little; English Pleasure, won by Cover Girl, ridden by Norma Burton; Flat Saddle Matched Pairs — Joey and Mate, won by Mrs. Gerald Grey and Celia Grey; Three Gaited Horses, won by Maple Crickett, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson; Fine Harness, won by Maple Rita, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson; Jumpers, won by Idiot's Delight, owned by Deane Burton and ridden by Norma Burton; Polo Ponies, won by Tecate, owned by Barbara Worth.

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#### September Open Forum Meeting .....

The third Open Forum meeting of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association was called to order by President Don Marquis on September 11, 8 p.m., at Sequoia Lodge. Reports from the various committees were as follows:

**TRAIL BLAZER**—Editor Blanche Paul reported that not all reporters are turning in copy each month, and asked that anyone having news not reported should contact her so that complete coverage can be worked out. Mrs. Paul also asked that members turn in pictures to be used in the magazine. She called attention to the California State Horsemen's Association Bulletin which is now being sent direct to every member of MHA, giving everyone complete state news which could not be adequately covered in the **TRAIL BLAZER**.

Managing Editor Elena Lagorio presented the financial statement of the **BLAZER**. With the September issue paid for, the **TRAIL BLAZER** has \$189.25 in its Special Account of the General Fund and \$631.16 of delinquent Accounts Receivable. Advertising Manager Vern Chappell reported a shortage of ads due to the fact that several regular advertisers have placed ads in the Horse Show Program instead of in the **BLAZER** this month.

**ACTIVITIES**—Archie Brown, Activities chairman, reported on the success of the Field Day. He also told of plans for the Overnight Ride. Mr. Brown stressed the importance of our organization having a good parade delegation in Martinez at the dedication of the Master State Trail.

**TRAILS**—Ted Dreyer reported that all projects but one have been completed and that it will be the first item on the program next year. The unfinished trail is one to connect our area with the State Trail.

**MEMBERSHIP**—Lucille Simons told of plans for a Surprise Breakfast to be held Sunday, November 2. To be eligible for the breakfast, members must secure five memberships. Our total membership is now 643.

S. P. C. A.—Geneva Menicucci stated that the Lari-ettes had given \$100 to the S. P. C. A., a part of the proceeds from a dance and bazaar.

**HORSE SHOW**—In the absence of Frank

Colbourn, President Don Marquis gave a report on the progress made on the coming fifth annual Horse Show. Mr. Marquis stated for the benefit of those who have wondered why Cressmount was not made available to MHA for the show, that the College Board did not believe it advisable to have two shows held on the campus within such a short period of time. If Miss Cress had been approached sooner, arrangements probably could have been made.

Mr. Jack Richards told the members that he had been asked several times about the balance in the Horse Show treasury and felt that such information should be available to all members. He pointed out that no report has been given this year. Vern Chappell stated that in his opinion the Horse Show Board should be under, and directly responsible to the MHA Board of Directors, and not a separate entity. Mr. Fred Anderson stated that the Horse Show Board functioned just like any other committee, but after further discussion it was decided that the Horse Show Board is not under the MHA Board and is completely self governing. A report of Horse Show money is regularly reported; however, the MHA Board of Directors received no report for 1946.

Jack Richards moved that the Horse Show Board of Directors be dissolved at the end of this year, and that Horse Show business and management be again placed under the regular MHA Board as it was in the past. Vern Chappell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed by the Board and given a vote of approval by members present.

Don Schwimley made a recommendation that our President study the By-Laws and if he thought them to be inadequate, to have them revised so that the entire membership would have more voice in the running of the Association. The recommendation was approved.

Mrs. Paul then drew attention to the Open Forum meetings that have been held this year at the instigation of President Don Marquis. She stated that these meetings have proven a success and have given every member a chance to voice his opinions and

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Buck Hall  
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Cora Prifold  
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## INTRODUCING JUNIOR MEMBERS

At the last count, we had 117 lively Junior Members, and we want to introduce the newest ones to you.

Joan and Cora Prifold come from Orinda and have enjoyed horses for as long as they can remember. Joan and Cora ride at Mrs. Putnam's in Walnut Creek, along with Rick Kraemer.

Buck Hall hails from out Walnut Creek way. He has been riding most of his eight years. Buck has entered the MHA show and will provide real competition in the junior classes.

Sheila Derieg from Piedmont rides with the Junior Shongehon at Cressmount and hopes to become a member of Shongehon in the future.

Jane Garfield is Publicity Chairman for Shongehon, and a real live-wire Chairman when it comes to producing news.

Maureen Dooher from San Mateo is another Junior renewal. We always look forward to seeing Maureen in the shows.

## INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

It is nice to welcome Mrs. Hazel D. Putnam from Walnut Creek back into MHA once again. Mrs. Putnam has always been most helpful—and this year proved no exception! When contacted about entries for the MHA show, she scouted around and managed to get enough riders and horses together to help fill a class. This is what we call COOPERATION PLUS!!

Seems we have a bug specialist in our midst! This new member is a Forest Entomologist, with the U. S. Bureau of Plant Quarantine, who is "keen" on horses. He says his work keeps him out-of-doors a lot and that he hopes to combine riding with the study of insects. Our heartiest welcome to Mr. F. P. Keen—we think his idea is a "natural!"

Walter M. Perry, who operates the Perry Hereford Ranch, is another Contra Costa Horsemen's Association member who has joined MHA. Mr. Perry raises blooded horses and cattle out Concord way. Both Mr. and Mrs. are full of pep and wonderful dancers.

Vonnice Hernandez from San Jose is a familiar figure at horse shows with her mare Stinky. Vonnice went to the Hayward Rodeo and won Best Cowgirl in the parade, first in Open Stock Horse Class, and first in Western Pairs. Vonnice and Stinky have won eighteen blue ribbons thus far this year. By the way, Vonnice broke and trained Stinky herself.

Helen and Charlie Rochi hail from San Leandro and are retired business people now enjoying a much earned stretch of leisure time. They have a pair of nice black and white Pintos which they ride daily and also enter in many of the shows. Helen and Charlie have a large place across from the Speedway tract.

Mrs. Jack (Gia) Abel rides regularly at Cressmount with the Upson Downs group. Gia is a general favorite and often participates in the shows at Cressmount. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Abel moved to a new location in San Lorenzo which will accommodate their family of two delightful children and their numerous pets.

Virginia F. Anderson from Walnut Creek is an enthusiastic flat saddle rider who enjoys writing bits about local happenings for the town paper. Mrs. Anderson's small daughter, Carol Lee, recently joined MHA, and plans to participate in the coming November show.

Mrs. Gerald Grey recently renewed her membership and is now living in Lafayette. Mrs. Grey and her daughter, Celia, share a mutual love for horses. Both have entered their favorite mounts in the show.

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Jane Lake hails from Tracy and does a lot of riding with Vonnie Hernandez. When told of the postponement of the show, Jane, who was out working her horses, called the Horse Show Office back to thank them for notifying her and to count on her support in November.

Theodore C. Wood has entered his two favorite horses in the 5th Annual Horse Show, and we are certainly looking forward to seeing Japsie and Dot Ann perform. Mr. Wood operates the Double W Ranch out near Concord.

Mrs. C. R. Giannini, who entered her lovely walk-trot horse Sporty McGee in the show, comes from San Rafael where she and her husband operate the Sleepy Hollow Stables. As you all know, there's nothing like Marin County for scenic trail riding.

The Walter Finkes, who live out near Montclair, have quite a neat spot with a wonderful training ring all their own. The Finkes have three nice horses, and their young son has his own pony with which to trail along on rides.

Glad to have Emil Hagstrom, A. K. Beckley of Cutter Laboratories, and Peter Lert and Mrs. Alex Wilson from Hightop Stables back in MHA again.

Jeepers! almost forgot to report that Vic Graber of the Crescent Jewelry Company joined MHA. Understand he will offer stiff competition in the riding field.

Speaking of stiff competition, Robert Symonds Cary from Ross has entered his lovely pleasure horse in the coming show.

Other new members are Ralph H. Boscacci and James W. Crider, Jr.

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## Junior Activities

### JUNIOR NEWS

The Annual Show given by the Junior Gymkhana Club of San Mateo was a great success and is the big news this month.

Sandra Logue took her Toy Storm to the show, and came home with six ribbons. She won fourth in Class A Childrens Jumpers, third in Horsemanship, first in Open Jumpers, first in Model Showmanship, fourth in Pleasure Horses, and second in the Hurry Scurry.

Jerry Hansen won third in Western Trail Horses, and fourth in Horsemanship on War Meddler.

Beverly Daniels won fourth in Childrens Jumping Class B on Buddy, first in the Pair Class riding Mrs. Alexander Wilson's nice gray Rita's Sweep, paired with Maureen Dooher on Sky Crown. She also won second in Open Jumpers.

Maureen Dooher certainly did well on her lovely Sky Crown who won second in Children's Jumping, third in Hunter Hacks, first in Group of Fours, second in Horsemanship, and first in Hunter Trials in the Green Division on Sky Crown. Maureen also rode Sky Crown in the Gerald Haddon Memorial Trophy and took first, and rode Culpepper to fourth place in Open Jumpers.

Janice Kenyon won first on Ragamuffin in the Polo Pony Stake Race, and fourth on Mt. Helix in the Gerald Haddon Memorial Trophy.

Janice Kenyon has her own stable on Robley Drive in Hayward. There are five box stalls and some nice paddocks for her horses. In addition to Ragamuffin the Polo Pony, there are Mt. Helix the 16.3 Thoroughbred who raced as a two year old and won eighteen thousand dollars during that year. This handsome registered bay is her pride and joy. Rhadar is a dark chestnut registered Arabian stallion sired by Sanad who has won several breeding classes this year. Sulty is Mrs. Kenyon's horse, and is a beautiful white mare which is being taught to jump. The latest addition to this stable is Long Timber, a three year old brown registered Thoroughbred. He was sired by Poly Timber and out of a mare by the great Brigadoon. Tim will be shown in Pleasure classes and "Suitable to become" classes until he is old enough to jump, then he will enter the ranks of the Thoroughbred Hunters.

Barbara Albert won second on Bad Penny in Children's Western Equitation at the Hayward Horse Show. Barton Heller won third on Big Enough, and his sister Harlene Heller won fourth on Pepper in the Children's Western Equitation in the same show.

Barton Heller, one of our junior members, is the proud owner of the well-known ribbon-winning stock horse RAINBOW, a roan and white Pinto from Sacramento. Barton plans to enter Rainbow in the Junior Stock

Division of coming shows, but at the moment is not pleased with the prospect of having to sell his Pinto Pony Big Enough with whom he has such fun at all the shows.

Members of Shongehon have a full program planned for the winter months with a different activity each Saturday, such as cubbing, drilling, equitation, trail riding, and barbeques.

The first Cubbing Ride held recently was a truly successful one, that is if the success of a ride depends on the number of spills taken by Dorothy Gross and Beverly Cron.

Shongehon members are really digging in and getting their group into shape for the drills, as several of the older members have gone into other groups.

The new Shongehon members will be announced at a later date.

### PEGASUS PATROL

With so many of their former members graduating, Pegasus Patrol has taken on several new members. These are Barty Bates, aged 10, who has been riding at Cressmount since March and has made such good progress that he is now a Pegasus Patroller.

Robert Fairchild, aged 9, hails from Piedmont and attends Havens. Robert started riding flat saddle in January. David Hadden, aged 11, lives in Berkeley and has an older sister and younger brother both riding at Cressmount. Nancy Peppin of Berkeley has been riding the past year and thinks Pegasus Patrol is just the best ever. Connie Reim, aged 11, sister of Jack, is full of determination and courage. Connie had a serious mishap last summer when she got caught by the gate catch at the top of Diamond B pasture gate last summer and had 16 stitches taken in her leg. Jackie Reim started in the egg business last summer but as usual Mrs. Reim had to take over. Janet Scott, age 12, is from Berkeley and is enthusiastic about her riding. Another Berkeley member is Phyllis Turner—seems Phyllis is a promising rider. She spent her vacation in Canada this year. Billy Wolfenden, age 9, comes from Piedmont and attends Havens. Billy is so full of pep one never knows what he will say or do next.

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make constructive suggestions for the betterment of the organization. She then made a motion that the By-Laws be amended to include Quarterly Open Forum meetings at which time regular Board business will be transacted and all members welcome to make suggestions for the improvement of MHA. Elena Lagorio seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Mr. Marquis then presented the Horse Show manager, Bill Straus, who told members that with the efficient working committees and the fine chairmanship of Mr. Marquis, he was sure the coming show would be an outstanding success.

Mr. Anderson urged all members to put in writing any suggestions they might have for business to be brought to the attention of the coming State Horsemen's convention, so that delegates could work to carry out their wishes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and the evening concluded with coffee and doughnuts served by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Brown.

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# "Stall"-ing Around

## With The Roving Reporters

### At the Private Stables

The Emil Hagstroms have a beautiful estate at Mt. Diablo, where there are large paddocks with white fences, fields of pasture, and a spacious stable and carriage house, trimmed with metal horse heads which came from one of the first great stables in California.

The horses are mostly gray Saddle breds. They are Anacacho Smoke Rings by Edna May's King, Star Sapphire by Cameo Kirby, Liberty Lynn by Liberty Dale, the fine old show mare, Miss Cynthia by Lee Rose McDonald, the young stallion Diablo King, and last of all Mr. Hagstrom's particular pet Dominic.

Dominic is now about thirty-three years old. He was foaled during the first World War near Pinole. He developed into an over sixteen hand gray horse, very sturdily built, and as a four-year-old, was owned by Miss Graham's Riding Stable. He changed owners several times and by the time he was ten years old, was almost doomed to be sent to Petaluma for chicken feed. His usefulness seemed to have come to an end.

He was thin, headstrong, and had an ugly disposition. He thought it fun to put his ears back, bare his teeth, and run after people, striking at them with his forelegs. Dominic was saved from the Petaluma trip by a French ex-cavalry officer, Count D'Ornano, who bought him for the great sum of fifteen dollars.

The Count taught Dominic polite French manners and how to jump. He also fattened him with scientific feeding and hardened him with slow systematic work to the point where he could carry the Count sixty miles a day for two consecutive days while scarcely turning a hair. The Count didn't think much of automobiles, so Dominic was his chief means of transportation. The Count often rode Dominic from Piedmont down to the ferry at the foot of Broadway, took him on the boat to San Francisco, rode him out to Golden Gate Park, all through the park to the beach, and then back home again. Another little pleasure jaunt he enjoyed was to ride from Piedmont over the hills to Walnut Creek, on over to Mt. Diablo and up to the summit to enjoy the view, then back home in time for dinner. These long rides were made by the Count when he was probably nearly seventy.

About nineteen years ago, Count D'Ornano sold Dominic to his present owner, Mr. Hagstrom, and today, due to good care and right living, Dominic has arrived at an age when most horses have departed this world. Whenever he sees a jump he seems to get a reminiscent look in his eyes as though he remembers when he used to win ribbons

clearing five foot jumps. Perhaps, too, he remembers the confusion of some of his young riders when the Count used to make them jump Dominic over not five, but six foot hurdles. At this time, Dominic wore a bridle but no reins, a saddle, but no girth nor stirrups, and the young rider had to fold his arms over his chest while clearing the jump. Needless to say, the youngsters learned how to really ride. Some of them found it pretty rugged, but none of them were bored.

Pandora's Supreme, the three-year-old Saddle bred stallion owned by Hampton Ford, is very happy in the new barn just completed for him. He also finds the two acre paddock under the pine trees much to his liking. This he shares with the gray gelding, Ironical Angel. The two horses are great friends and wander around together by the hour.

Catching "Fox", as Pandora's Supreme is called at home, is no problem at all. His owner has only to call him and Fox comes at a dead run, then walks sedately beside his master wherever Hampton wants him to go. All this without even a halter on Fox's head.

### At the Wildwood Stables

There are two new boarders at the Wildwood Ranch. Vi Schumacher has a sorrel mare Raven, and Roger Williams has a black gelding Sammy.

Dutch and Harold Cummings have just returned from a week's trip in Los Angeles where they took in the All Arabian show and also visited several breeding farms. Dutch has decided she wants a half Arabian colt out of her mare Blondie.

Bud Vogel and Bob Hubbard are now boarding their horses at the Wildwood stables.

At the Antioch Parade and Horse Show, Carmelita Cummins with her stallion Reo took first in the Thoroughbred Stallion class and fourth in the Western Trail class. Margaret Rukavina with Toric was given second in the class for Arabian Horses.

Wednesday morning Sept. 24th Doreene and Jimmy Decker became the parents of a baby daughter, Vickey-Lee.

Sunday, Sept. 28th, at the Hayward Horse Show, Carmelita Cummins with Reo took first in the Pleasure Class, second in the Best Dressed Cow-Girl and third in the Trail Class. Isabelle Parrish took first in the Parade Class. In the Pinto Class, Geneva Menicucci with Poncho took second, and Ruby Welch with Ribbon took fourth.

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In the Best Dressed Cow-Girl class, Carmel Himmelman with Peanuts took fourth.

Geneva and Harry Menicucci are two very sad people over the recent death of their favorite four months old colt, Gold-Sox. He was out of Sleepy-Gal, a registered quarter horse mare owned by the Menicucci's, and sired by Gold-Field, a registered Palomino stallion owned by Bob Cantral of Reno, Nevada. Gold-Sox was a chestnut with four white stockings, a blaze and white mane and tail. Everyone in the hills have extended their sympathy to Harry and Geneva for the loss of such an outstanding colt.

#### With The Leona Riders

The Leona Riders gathered at Rancho Bonito on Golf Links Road, September 19, for a barbecue supper and dancing on the lawn of the Gorvad home. Mrs. Gorvad, Mrs. L. Studley, Mrs. E. Hansen and Mrs. Art Palmer were the hostesses assisted by the Activity Committee with Harry Green, Chairman. Farewells were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Waldren who were leaving for Reno, Nevada; to Mr. and Mrs. George Goldt, who will leave for Stockton; to Miss Bobbie Santos, who has departed for Hawaii; and to Mr. and Mrs. Topritzhofer, who will soon move to Castro Valley.

During the past few weeks the Leona Riders have been active. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Brown and Miss Opal Brown entertained the club with motion pictures at their home in the valley. An outdoor supper was served.

The following week, the drill team met at the old Leona Stables under the leadership of Captain Earl Hansen and ended the day with a picnic on the Oakie Trail.

#### At the Aahmes Ranger's Stable

Two new trophies and several ribbons have been added to the trophy cabinet of the Shrine Rangers during the past month. Although the Rangers are not classed as a silver mounted unit, and do not attempt to enter competition in this field, they did win fourth award in the Martinez parade and grand entry judged on silver equipment. At the Hayward show on September 28th the Aahmes Rangers won first place and a beautiful trophy donated by the Hayward Branch of the Bank of America.

Among the many ribbons recently won by Golden Rainbow, the three-gaited mare belonging to Lucille Simons, were three blue ribbons annexed at the Antioch Show. Golden Rainbow is in training at Lee Sole's stable in Sacramento.

Rhea Ludolph took second with her new Pinto mare "Gipsy" in the grand entry parade at Hayward. Lee Older is missed at the Rancho as she is now attending Davis. The Sibert, Dryer, Fisher and Drury boys are all conspicuous on week-ends in their respective military academy uniforms.

#### At Red Gates of Rifle Lane

The two Red Gates trailers are traveling again. O'Malley, Idiot's Delight, Cover Girl and Lady Weston returned from the Santa Cruz County Fair at Watsonville with a rainbow of ribbons.

Idiot's Delight captured the second in the Open Jumpers and third in Touch and Out. O'Malley, added to his collection with a third in Open Jumpers and fourth in Touch and Out. Cover Girl returning to the Show Ring, came back to add more blues to her very blue record, with first prize in the Breeding class for four year old and over Thoroughbred mares, and was declared Champion Thoroughbred mare of the Fair. She also won the blue in the Pleasure Horse class.

Lady Weston (returning for the first time since the Galt Fair) to win the Open Jumpers, and second in Touch and Out, and the red second in the breeding class for Thoroughbred mares four years and over.

All horses were ridden by Norma Burton.

The results from the State Fair, Jr. Gymkhana Club and Antioch are as follows: State Fair, O'Malley second in Green Jumpers, fourth in Amateur Jumpers. Idiot's Delight fourth in Handy Jumpers and tenth in Jumpers Stake.

Gymkhana Club—Cover Girl won the Hurry Scurry, third in Schooling Phase, third in ring Phase and fourth in Cross Country Phase, and third in finals for the Conformation Hunters. Norma Burton won the Horsemanship class.

Antioch Fair—Cover Girl won the Open Hunters, second in Handy Hunters and first in the breeding class for Thoroughbred mares.

Tonja Burton the Dalmatian mascot, and the four big Hunters will be seeing you at the MHA and the Grand National.

#### At the Big Bear Stables

Thirty-five boarders and their guests enjoyed a steak fry in the Park recently. George Floyd is at present on a horse buying trip in Sacramento. He expects to be away for a week.

#### INVITATION FROM EL CABALLO VOLANTE

The Secretary received an invitation from El Cabello Volante Horsemen's Association inviting Junior members of METROPOLITAN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION to attend a dinner, dance and general get-together on November 15, 1947. The program sounds like a full one with dancing, eating and a White Elephant Auction. Music by a local band "The Highhatters" promises to be good. The affair will be very informal, so sport clothes are in order. The fun starts at 7:00 o'clock at the Don Fernando Pacheco Adobe in Concord.

For reservations and further information contact Mary Gale, Secretary, either by mail or by phone. Phone Piedmont 5-7096 during the day.

### At Miss Graham's Stables

Miss Graham is getting well established in her new location which was formerly known as the Redwood Stables. Mr. Hall and Miss Graham are organizing a drill team for both English and Western riders. Anyone interested is invited to be at the Redwood Stables at eight o'clock Thursday evening. These drills will be held each Thursday while the weather is pleasant. We all wish Miss Graham the best of luck in her new location.

### With the Boots and Jeans

The last Boots and Jeans social was held September seventeenth. It was an outdoor party held at the Western Stables. Seventy-five members and their guests enjoyed dancing on the smooth platform. Jack Tann called the square dances. The highlight of the party was the pie eating contest with Dolores Bacon the winner for the girls and Ray Jenson the winner for the men. A fine supper was served by Lillian Deuel and Jeannie Moller, who was chairman of the evening.

### AT CRESSMOUNT

Members of Upson Downs were happy to learn that two members of long standing in the club were recently married, E. C. N. Hawkins and Lillian Candon. Best of Luck and Happiness to these grand people!

Barbara Betchtel is again riding with Upson Downs after a wonderful three months spent at Four Winds Camp in Washington, where she was Riding Counselor. Barbara said that Sun Truder accompanied her and seemed to thrive on the change of scenery.

The most amazing invention of the century was whipped up by Bob McCarty and John Theil who ride with the Tuesday night group. The invention is a portable saddle rack, which can be folded up and taken along to shows. Such an invention is invaluable when it comes to cleaning saddles at horse shows.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth LeBoyteaux are again riding with the Tuesday night riders after an extended vacation.

Mr. Harold Coop has joined the group too, and reports good progress. Says he couldn't let Mrs. Coop get ahead of him, so he decided to join up!

Several of the Tuesday night riders have been taking private jumping lessons and formed a class. The riders are: Freda Renner, John and Phyllis Theil, Coline Chilson, Bob McCarty, and Lorraine Larceda.

Cressmount horses and riders have made a good showing at the horse shows this summer. Mary Lou Hutton riding Rum Punch placed 5th in the Ladies Jumpers at the Santa Clara County Fair; placed 4th on Duffle Bag at the Hayward Pioneer Days Horse Show in the Open Jumper event; and rode to win first on Duffle Bag in the Touch and Out at Santa Cruz County Fair.

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Flash! a new arrival from Santa Barbara is Elaine Newhall's Palomino mare, Princess Chamonette. Elaine is a Mills girl and very much interested in MHA activities. Her lovely mare has won several Palomino classes already.

The Bit and Spur riding club of Mills College held its annual Horsepitality on Thursday, September 25, in the Cressmount arena. The program was composed of five events, all full of fun and good sportsmanship.

The first event, Working Hunters in Teams of Three, took place on the Upson Downs course. First place went to Sally Allen, Helen Shafer and Sue Allen. Pleasure Pairs Class was won by Bea Sweet and Helen Shafer on La Zova Moon and Pacific Flight. Event three was a jumping contest open to girls who had never jumped—both contestants and horses enjoyed the event no end. The event was won by Sally Suearingen. The fourth event was a class for Pleasure Horses open to girls who had never ridden flat saddle. The blue ribbon went to Mary Alice Garmes.

The Bit and Spur tryout for experienced Mills riders had over forty contestants. In fact the tryout was so large, that a "Remount" organization has been formed to give added instruction to those contestants who did not make Bit and Spur this semester. With such a fine turnout it looks as though there will be plenty of activity in Bit and Spur this winter.

One of the novel affairs of the semester was the Barn Dance put on by Bit and Spur. The dance was highly successful, and all reported a good time.

#### At the Pinto Ranch

Bob and Betty Phillips just returned from a trip through Arizona in search for a good roping horse. They found just what they wanted—a well broken R. O. Quarter horse, sired by the well-known stallion, El Rey.

Best wishes are extended to Nell Wilkie and Gloria Street, both ill and in the hospital. Gloria is at the Merritt Hospital in Oakland and Nell at San Jose.

The Pinto Ranch has had several winners in recent horse shows. Betty Phillips' little sorrel quarter horse mare, Mitzy, won the blue ribbon in the Quarter Horse Class at the Oakdale show and also topped the show as best of all breeds.

At Antioch, Barton and Harlene Heller both placed in the kids class. Carmelita Cummins won the stallion class, was judged best dressed cowgirl, and placed in the Trail class. At the Hayward show, Carmelita won two trophies and four ribbons.

Ted Talstrom made a quick recovery from the serious accident he suffered last month when a horse fell with him. The girls at the Pinto Ranch have fixed up a number of hazards to take the spook out of their horses. The Horse Show judges will have them jumping out of the trees next.



**HISTORICALLY SPEAKING**

When we heard the news that Miss Graham was located at the Redwood Stables, we immediately mounted up and rode over to call. We have known Miss Graham in past years and can truthfully say that she has changed little and is just as friendly and charming as ever. Naturally, we were interested in her plans for the future, but our conversation took a detour via the "I remember when" road, and what we learned was so interesting we thought you members might like to share our chat.

Believe it or not, Miss Graham started in at 18th and Broadway, with a livery stable next to the City Hall Annex. After operating there for several years, she moved to a spot next to St. Mary's. At that time dirt roads were practically everywhere. In fact, Miss Graham said that there was plenty of mud in Piedmont during the winter months. Dirt roads ran all the way down to 24th and Broadway. While at this location, Miss Graham stirred up interest in polo and actually had children doing stick and ball practice. Then along came the first World War, so Miss Graham dug out an old coach, which belonged to her father, hitched up four horses, and away she rode taking soldiers for rides around Oakland.

Seems Miss Graham was connected with the stage too. How many of you remember Ye Liberty Playhouse? Well, Miss Graham used to furnish horses for plays requiring equine talent. It's interesting to note that one of Miss Graham's first horses was purchased from none other than Ben York. This horse, Captain by name, was used for parades. Another horse, Don Juan, who was a favorite with the play-folks, was used by Nana Bryant in "Polly of the Circus" and also in "Sheridan's Last Ride."

From down town, Miss Graham moved to a new location out in the Idora Park District, and from there to a spot at the end of Claremont Avenue. From the Claremont location, Miss Graham moved to Orinda, but all too soon the highway crowded her out. From Orinda to the E. I. DeLabeaga property which was ideal, but civilization edged in once again and Miss Graham was forced to move to the Mt. Diablo Country Club for a short time before settling into Redwood Canyon. Soon after the second World War broke out, her boys left to join the service. Now, after 35 years of riding and teaching, Miss Graham can be found at the Crossroads happily instructing the second generation. And so continues the fame of our well-known Miss Graham.

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